

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are now present in this application. It should be noted that the amendments to original claims 1-10 of the present application are non-narrowing amendments, made solely to place the claims in proper form for U.S. practice and not to overcome any prior art or for any other statutory considerations. For example, amendments have been made to broaden the claims; remove reference numerals in the claims; remove/change any phrases unique to European practice; remove multiple dependencies in the claims; and to place claims in a more recognizable U.S. form, including the use of the transitional phrase "comprising" as well as the phrase "wherein". Other such non-narrowing amendments include placing apparatus-type claims (setting forth elements in separate paragraphs) in a more recognizable U.S. form. Again, all amendments are non-narrowing and have been made solely to place the claims in proper form for U.S. practice and not to overcome any prior art or for any other statutory considerations.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, an early indication of the allowability of each of claims 1-16

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in connection with the present application is earnestly
solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be
resolved in the present application, the Examiner is
respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley at the
telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in
this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or
credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any
additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37
C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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